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ELDRED WAS SMOTHERED.

Team From Down the Line Was Too Light to Stop Smethport's Rushes.

SMETHPORT WON, SCORE 17 TO 0.

Game Was Witnessed By a Fair-Sized Crowd. Contest Created Much Amusement.

Teams representing Eldred and Smethport met in a football struggle last Saturday afternoon at Sartwell field. Through an alleged misunderstanding, although the incoherent explanations offered are far from satisfactory, Eldred was represented by an extremely light and youthful eleven, while the Smethport High School team was reinforced by two weighty players, who, however, made little difference in the final score. A fair-sized crowd was in attendance and Eldred's featherweight team received nearly as much encouragement as did the Smethport players. Score, Smethport 17; Eldred 0.

Redfield kicked off nearly to Eldred's goal. Eldred was held for downs on their 10 yard line and surrendered the ball to Smethport. A cross-up in signals gave the oval back to Eldred and by good runs was soon near the center of the field. Here Smethport took a brace and gained possession of the ball. An assault was made on Eldred's disappointed line and Redfield dashed through, skilfully evading the backs and ran about 50 yards for a touchdown. The kick for goal was unsuccessful. Smethport realized it was a crack on the game which perhaps is credited for the weakness of its play from that time on. The Eldred boys were active and flagged end plays throughout the game. It appeared that about seven Eldred men had been told off to watch "Bill" Andrews and every play found him smothered under his opponents whether he had the ball or not, but at that, he made some very good plays. Redfield and Koenig appeared the most consistent ground gainers and the former player was jammed through the line for another touchdown before the end of the first half. Backus kicked goal.

In the second half Smethport had abundant chances to score several times but "chug-o'-hammer" running, high tackles, etc., spoiled most of them and but one touchdown was scored. Koenig was responsible for that one and Backus kicked the goal. Score, 17 to 0. Redfield and Koenig played a good game and Joe Wilson, the big guard, made some good plays although unfamiliar with the signals. Eldred's team work was good and although greatly outweighed the visitors made a plucky struggle.

The lineup follows:

Smethport	Position	Eldred
Backus	l. e.	Llewelyn
Day	l. t.	McNally
Nelson	l. g.	Wolcott
Fred Purtle	c.	Stannard
Wilson	r. g.	Sullivan
Masser	r. t.	Fisher
Andrews	r. e.	Armstrong
Frank Purtle	q. b.	Bernard
Studholme	l. h. b.	Denning
Redfield	r. h. b.	McGavist
Koenig	f. b.	Sweeney

Fell From a Derrick.

William Doyle of Sartwell met with a frightful accident Friday last which caused his death. About noon on that day Mr. Doyle, who was working on a lease, had occasion to go to the top of an oil derrick. When about seventy feet in the air a board gave way precipitating the unfortunate man to the ground and inflicting injuries which caused his death within half an hour.

Mr. Doyle was aged about 50 years and is survived by his widow and four children. He was a brother of James Doyle of Mt. Jewett and a brother also of Mrs. T. F. McMahon of Mt. Jewett, Mrs. Mary Brooder of Bradford and Mrs. Maguer of Buffalo. He formerly resided in Mt. Jewett and also passed a few years in the oil fields of West Virginia. About a year ago he returned to his boyhood home at Sartwell and located on a farm. Mr. Doyle was an honest, industrious man much respected by those who knew him.

The funeral and burial were held at Sartwell Sunday last and were attended by a large concourse of mourning relatives and friends.

Estray Notice.

Came to the L. Bayer Estate farm, in Sergeant township, on November 15, 1902, a red heifer with a white face. Owner can have same by proving property and paying charges. Otherwise same will be disposed of according to laws governing estrays.

JOHN L. BAYER.

Clermont, Pa., Nov. 17, 1902.

I have a most complete stock of trunks suit cases and hand bags. Call and inspect the newest styles.

CHARLES LEMMLER.

Detroit Jewel Gas Stoves give most heat for least gas. This is worth your consideration. Holmes & Gilfillan.

Use the Redfield mantle.

ANCIENT HISTORY

Happening in McKean County in Days of Old, Taken from the Files.

George Beckwith, son of Ransom Beckwith, Jr., was wounded in the arm, near Petersburg, in the latter part of June. He belonged to Co. E of the 58th Regt. and had re-enlisted. He was taken to one of the hospitals at Old Point Comfort, where it was thought he was improving and would soon be able to come home. Subsequently, however, amputation was found necessary, but his system was unable to bear up under so severe a shock and he expired on July 31. George is spoken of by his comrades as an excellent soldier and not only a large circle of friends, but the country deplores his loss. The following letter, under date of August 1, 1864, will be read with interest:

Mr. Ransom Beckwith, Jr., Dear Sir:—In compliance with George's request I wrote to you some days since. At that time we all thought that George was doing well, but it soon became apparent that his arm would have to be amputated. Accordingly, on the 26th of July, the doctors took it off and the sequel proves that his strength was not equal to the task, for after patiently enduring until yesterday, the 31st at a few minutes before six in the evening the light of life went out and he now rests from his labors and his pain. He said to his minister a few days before his death, that he was willing to die, should that be the will of the Almighty. His remains will be buried in the soldiers' burying ground, and a board, with his name and that of his company and regiment marked upon it, placed at the head of his grave. George had the best of care and the best of medical attendance while he was with me here and we have the satisfaction of knowing that all that could be was done for his comfort and recovery; but it was wisely ordered otherwise. Let us submit to His will. Hoping the best of heaven's blessings may attend you, I will close. Yours truly, C. D. Gilbert, Sergt. of E Co., 58th Regt., P. V.

The old Bucktail regiment will be pleased to learn that their original commander and devoted friend, Gen. T. L. Kane, has recently recovered from the effects of the wound he received at Harrisburg over two years since. The general has been making his headquarters at the house of Willis Barrett in Keating township for some time past.

On the morning of the 30th of July about 500 of the rebel raiders, under the command of the scoundrel, McCausland, the man who a few days since told a citizen of Hagerstown that he came from hell, entered the borough of Chambersburg, this state. McCausland at once demanded $500,000 from the citizens of the place and threatened to burn the town if the demand was not complied with. Without knowing whether the citizens would or could raise the money, or without giving any time to move private property and scarcely time enough for the citizens to remove their families, they fired at least fifty houses in the heart of the town. Over 250 buildings were destroyed, including all the public buildings, stores and hotels, comprising two-thirds of a town containing about 6,000 inhabitants. A more wanton, infamous, dastardly destruction of private property has never before been exhibited in this war. From this moment we believe the people of this country will demand a retaliatory mode of warfare upon the part of our government. Let the leaders of the rebellion understand that, as they have commenced the destruction of private property, both parties can play at that game; and henceforth, whenever our armies occupy a town in the rebel states let a just retribution fall upon the heads of all leading rebels, by the destruction of every vestige of their property. This is the only course which will bring them to their senses. Their property has been protected by the union soldiers long enough. Hereafter give the boys from the old Keystone the opportunity of retaliating for the damnable conduct of the rebel hordes at Chambersburg and we will guarantee a faithful execution of the work.

The funeral services of George Beckwith, son of Ransom Beckwith, Jr., who died from wounds received before Petersburg, will take place at the Baptist church on Sunday, Aug. 21. The funeral sermon will be preached by Rev. S. D. Morris.

Married, at Andover, N. Y., August 11, 1864, by Rev. A. Harps, Mr. Lorenzo Scribner of the above place to Miss Lucretia Young of Greenwood, N. Y.

At the home of the bride's father, August 18, 1864, by the Rev. L. A. Stevens, T. C. Sanders of Westfield, Tioga county, Pa., to Hattie Colegrove of Norwich, McKean county, Pa. If the bride does not lead a life of joy and happiness in her new relations, it will not be for the want of good wishes on the part of those who partook of the beautiful and delicious cake which accompanied this notice. A thousand thanks for the gold dollar. May the path of the donor be strewn with flowers and his shadow "never grow less."

At the Republican county convention held in the court house at Smethport on August 19, 1864, the following officers were nominated: For Assembly, L. Rogers, subject to the decision of the district convention; for county treasurer, James E. Blair; for county commissioner, G. M. Smith; for county auditor, J. H. Duntley; for surveyor, Thomas King; for coroner, M. J. Sprague.

Italian Wounded by a Bullet

Basillio Giuseppi, an Italian, who had been employed in construction work for the Erie railway company at Hutchins, was shot in the right arm by a companion known as "Jim," near South Bradford, yesterday afternoon, says the Era. The Italians had received their pay on Tuesday and 16 of them were in the city enroute to their homes in New York. According to Giuseppi's story, his supposed friend induced him to take a walk in the direction of Quintuple hill and when the former refused to enter the woods, Jim turned upon him with a revolver and attempted to shoot him down. Giuseppi shielded himself with his arm and the bullet passed through his shirt sleeve and inflicted a slight flesh wound on the forearm. The injured Italian, bareheaded and frantic with fright, returned to the city and was taken in charge by Officer Mooney, who took him to the office of Dr. Canan, where the wound was dressed. The Italians refused to disclose the identity of the assailant and the foreigners left on the evening train for the metropolis. Giuseppi's statement of the affair is not believed by the police officials, as it is thought that the shooting was the result of a drunken quarrel which took place in a resort frequented by Italians on Corydon street.

Killed Near Emporium.

Lewis Valin, a stone mason, who had worked in Smethport at different periods for the past twenty years, was killed near Emporium last Thursday afternoon. The man was working on the abutments for a bridge on the line of the Pennsylvania railroad. A car loaded with stone was being unloaded with the aid of a derrick, when in some way the heavy crane swung around striking Valin a terrible blow on the back of the head. The victim never regained consciousness and died about 9 o'clock that evening. Valin was born in Sweden about 47 years ago and had lived in this country 25 years.

The remains were shipped to Smethport Friday and conveyed to the home of John Lindholm, on Water street, where Valin had boarded when working in Smethport.

Funeral services were held at the Swedish Lutheran church, Sunday last, and were attended by many sorrowing friends. The remains were buried in Rose Hill cemetery.

Crazed From Overwork.

A young man named Mark Schoonmaker, residing in East Smethport, was in a serious condition last week as the result of overwork. The young man was employed as a helper in the Haines' bottle factory and the scarcity of help gave him an opportunity to work "double time." In spite of the advice of older workmen he worked for over a week, averaging about 3½ hours' sleep per day. His peculiar actions soon convinced the workmen and his family that his mind was unbalanced and he was placed in charge of physicians. Although for a time his condition was very serious he gradually commenced to improve and from present indications will soon regain his normal condition.

It Will Be Interesting.

The Y. W. C. T. U. will meet at the home of Mrs. Calvin to-night at eight o'clock.

A cordial invitation is extended to the young people to attend this meeting. You may not care to join the Union but may become interested in the work of the "Y."

The topic for answer to the roll-call is "My Opinion of Tobacco." Mr. Chas. Masser will have a paper on "Tobacco and Its Effects."

This will be followed by a reading by Miss Mayme Hinman on, "The Rights of Those who Dislike Tobacco." One of the members will read the first chapter of a book called "His Opportunity," by Henry Clemens Pearson.

Arthur Cornforth Elected Senator.

The Evening Telegraph of Colorado Springs, Col., has the following to say in regard to Arthur Cornforth, a former resident of Smethport: "The official count of the vote of El Paso county has been finished and shows some interesting figures. The largest Republican plurality that was ever obtained in this county was secured by Senator-elect Cornforth, whose plurality was 3,552. Mr. Cornforth also obtained the largest number of ballots cast for any Republican candidate, 7,100, and made a showing on the whole of which he may well be proud.

Wanted.

Boys at the Haines Flint glass bottle factory. Heads of families with boys can also find employment.

The MINER and Redfield's Magazine one year for only $1.20.

OPIUM JOINT RAIDED.

Johnsonburg Dive Raided—Lee Onn, Formerly of Smethport, One of Those Arrested.

Lee Onn, a Chinaman, who formerly conducted a laundry on Main street in this place, seems to be a pretty fly heathen. He figured quite prominently in several escapades in Bradford, the nature of which would have assured his sudden demise had they occurred in the west, where a Chinaman more or less is a matter of small importance. Even in this merciful and highly cultured section of our glorious nation his budding career is liable to suffer an abrupt blight if he does not change his ways, which are "peculiar" even beyond the Bret Harte standpoint.

The following from the Johnsonburg Breeze will be of interest:

Thursday morning at 1:45 o'clock when the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg flyer pulled in Officer McLaughlin noticed two young girls alight from the train and also noticed a Chinaman speaking with them, but did not know whether or not they were strangers in town, and was informed that they knew where they were going.

After the train pulled out the officer, accompanied by C. H. Long, proprietor of the City Hotel, started over town. The girls were in advance of them and the Chinaman still some distance ahead of the girls. When Center street was reached the girls suddenly disappeared. Then Mr. McLaughlin decided that they had gone into the laundry. He and Long went to the door and rapped and were answered by one of the proprietors of the place, who told them when they inquired, that the girls were not there, and demanded that they be brought out. The Chinamen finally admitted they were in the place and brought them out as directed.

Long took the girls to the hotel and then informed Constable Walsh and together they raided the place at daybreak and arrested Sam Lee and his partner and Lee Onn, who runs a laundry at Wilcox.

The three Orientals, together with their opium outfit, pipe, opium, etc., were taken before Justice Secrist, who, after a hearing, imposed a fine of $25 and costs on each.

The girls were Mary Marck, 14 years old, and her sister, 11 years old, of New Castle. They were sent to their home on the flyer. It seems that the girls had lived in Bradford at one time and that the older one had the misfortune acquainted with Lee Onn and that after her people had moved to New Castle the two had kept up a correspondence, Lee Onn in the meantime having moved to Wilcox. Lee wrote to Mary to come to see him, and she and her sister, pretending to go to Bradford to visit friends, went to Wilcox, where they staid with Lee Onn in his den for 10 days. The girls then went to Bradford, where they visited for three days, from which place they wrote to their mother in New Castle. Their intention was to go to Wilcox Thursday.

The older girl is quite large for her age and showed by her conversation a fairly good schooling in the ways of the world. The younger girl is quite a pretty girl, modest and retiring in appearance. That children of their ages should be enticed into a den of iniquity is a pity, and those who are guilty of the crime should be dealt with severely.

Eloped From a Poor House.

An Erie dispatch tells the following sad tale of a romance that was spoiled last week:

A man and two women were arrested by an officer from the almshouse of this county, about four miles from the institution Friday night. The three are simple-minded, and the two girls persuaded the man to elope with them.

The trio had been wandering about since 9 o'clock in the evening, seeking to complete plans for the elopement, but as neither of the girls would allow the other to enjoy the company or conversation of the young man uninterrupted, his slender stock of wits was completely put to flight. He seemed immeasurably relieved when arrested.

The girls are Mary and Annie Reardon of Corry, and the man is Martin Monagan. The girls are seventeen and nineteen years old. The man is 22 years old.

Child Choked to Death.

The twenty-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred. Kellner, of South Hill, choked to death on a piece of apple Monday afternoon. An older child had peeled an apple and given it to the baby, who desired to get hold of the knife, and upon being refused possession of it, he threw his head backward and began to cry, causing a piece of apple which he had in his mouth to lodge in his throat, and before it could be removed the child died—less than five minutes afterward.—Potter Enterprise.

A full line of cigars, tobaccos, pipes and all smokers' articles is carried by Gaskin & Grant.

Stransky Steel Ware—Warranted. We have it in all manner of useful articles. Holmes & Gilfillan.

Choir Supper.

St. Luke's choir gave a supper on Tuesday evening in the parish house in honor of Mrs. Alice McCoy Olmstead who is about to remove to her new home in Crestline, Ohio.

No choir could be favored with a more splendid soprano voice than that of Mrs. Olmstead, or with a more cultured musician, having the divine gift and the musical temperament and artistic skill to employ it so effectively. Not only in St. Luke's choir, but on many occasions in public, at concerts, entertainments, club receptions, lectures, etc., have our people been delighted to hear the singing of Mrs. Olmstead, who always gave her services with that generous spirit which seems to be a characteristic among musical people.

We express the common regret of all at the removal of Mrs. Olmstead from our town, with the kindest wishes for all her future, and the happy reminiscences of what we have enjoyed from her music while living amongst us hoping, indeed, for her return, if that may be.

The members of St. Luke's choir spared no pains to make the occasion of the farewell supper on Tuesday evening a pleasant one, long to be remembered. The members of St. Luke's congregation took the opportunity to present a bank draft to Mrs. Olmstead to show their esteem and appreciation of her valuable services. Mr. C. B. Mayo, in presenting the same, made a very happy and excellent address, which was responded to briefly by Dr. H. L. McCoy, who has done so much with other members of the choir in his family, and in other families in the parish, to establish the high reputation of St. Luke's choir which is known far outside of our own community.

The Mystery Solved.

The mystery of the "petrified" head, "Indian image statue," found by Carlisle Say in the Tuna one week ago, has been solved. Hon. R. B. Stone concluded to secure the curio for the McKean County Historical society. He went to the home of the Says and commenced negotiations for the relic. Mrs. Say had been offered $150 for it and thought she should have $200. Mr. Stone couldn't pay the amount demanded and after a careful examination of the head he returned home.

On his way home Mr. Stone could not get the thought of that head out of his mind. There seemed to be something familiar with it, what it was he could not make out. "Where have I seen a face like that before," kept recurring to his mind. Suddenly it flashed across his memory.

That head had once sat on the shoulders of a little ornamental statue in front of Mr. Stone's house on School street, when he lived where C. P. Collins resides at present. The hole in the head was where a vase for holding plants had set.

Years ago the head fell from the body and the vase fell from the top of the head. The broken ornament was laid aside and Mr. Stone had never in all the years since given it a thought. When he arrived at his home Friday afternoon he hunted about and found the vase. Mr. Stone has not the slightest idea how the head got into the creek.—Bradford Herald.

Indian Charged With Murder.

Eli Farmer, a Seneca Indian residing at Carrolton, has been arrested and taken to the Little Valley jail on a charge of causing the death of his wife, Emma Shongo Farmer, whose body was found on Oct. 14, in a pile of rubbish under a stairway at the Vaughn Hotel, says this morning's Era. At the time of finding the remains it was believed that the woman died of alcoholism, and a verdict to that effect was rendered by the coroner. Subsequently the government authorities, in endeavoring to locate the person that disposed of the liquor to Mrs. Farmer, in order to prosecute him, discovered circumstances attending the death of the woman which led them to believe that a murder had been committed. An autopsy revealed the fact that the woman's head and chest were severely bruised and that she had sustained a fractured skull. Levi Farmer, a son of the couple will be one of the principal witnesses against his father.

Football Game Saturday.

Mgr. S. F. Redfield reported this morning that prospects were bright for a football game next Saturday. Arrangements have practically been settled with the strong Ridgway team and a hot game is expected. The contest will be pulled off at Sartwell field. However, it appears that this program is "subject to change."

Lyceum Officers Elected Last Night.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Smethport Lyceum held at the law office of Gorton & Richmond the following officers were elected: President, Daniel Bacon; treasurer, O. J. Hamlin; secretary, Dr. John Clark; directors, E. T. Daly, Dr. John Clark and Daniel Bacon.

If interested in saving gas read Redfield's ad.

SOME INTERESTING FACTS.

Regarding Niagara Falls as an Industrial Center.

The great industrial progress of the city of Niagara Falls is as irresistible, limitless and ceaseless as the mighty river itself, and this is becoming more and more apparent to all. The last census shows that its population increased more in proportion to its size than any other city in the country, and the present decade, the rate of increase will be much larger. The harnessing of the great falls of Niagara is now a most successful accomplishment, and as a result a great industrial city is being built around the world-famed cataract. The first electric power of the Niagara Falls Power company was used the latter part of 1895, and if such a phenomenal growth can be shown during a period when the power developments were only begun, what will be the result when the full development now in progress and projected shall be completed.

The following statistics will show the magnitude and industrial importance of the city of Niagara Falls, a city which is practically only a few years old:

Power now developed and supplied	87,000 H. P.
Power now under construction, 300,000	
Power projected, 500,000	
Totals	887,000 H. P.
Capital invested in power developments	$32,500,000
Capital of factories now running	$31,617,500
Value of manufactured products per annum	$23,405,000
Postoffice revenue year ending March, 1901	$37,140.99
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Increase in postoffice revenue year ending Mar., 1902	41 ½ %
Increase of registration from Oct., 1901 to Mar. 1902	1,155
Increase of population 1890 to 1900	253%

Another Big Fill.

The Bolivar Breeze has the following to say about a big fill on the Shinglehouse line: Work is steadily progressing on the big fill on the Walter Richardson farm, in the East Ward, a mile above Rixford, and has been for several weeks, but many months will elapse before the work is completed at the present rate of progress. This fill is about 3000 feet long, from 10 to 75 feet high, and three openings will be made through it, two for the highways and one for the creek. This is the longest and most expensive fill between Bolivar and Angelica. It is 120 feet wide at the base. A pole trestle is first built to run the dump cars on. There are two shifts of men and work is under way night and day.

To Be Manufactured in DuBois.

The DuBois Courier says John E. DuBois owns two hundred million feet of timber on Hicks Run, some 35 miles from DuBois. After mature consideration he has decided to bring all this timber to his big saw mill at DuBois for manufacture. To do this he must build fifteen miles of railroad track to reach the Low Grade road near Dent's Run station, from which point he will run his log train over the Pennsylvania line to DuBois. This will be the longest haul of saw logs yet made in this section of Pennsylvania. The logs and bark will be loaded in the woods and be run to DuBois without any change. It is estimated that ten years will be consumed in cutting and manufacturing.

Advertised Letters.

List of letters remaining in the postoffice at Smethport for the week ending Nov. 15, 1902.

Belle Briggs, Miss Jessie Freeman, C. A. Galloway, Mrs. Nora Hites, M. F. Jefferson, Miss Joanna Lane, Mgr. Opera House, Homer[25] Price, Frank Wook, W. S. Wandover.

Persons calling for these letters please say "advertised." All unclaimed letters are sent to the Dead Letter Office two weeks from date of advertising.

J. C. GALLUP, Postmaster.

Notice to Taxpayers.

Delinquent taxpayers can save five per cent. by paying their taxes on or before Dec. 18, 1902. CARL SASSE.

47-4t. Collector.

Canaries For Sale.

I have a number of canaries, male and female, for sale. Some very fine singers. Prices $2.00 and $1.00.

MRS. EMMA MAY CHADWICK.

My trunks, suit cases, hand bags, blankets and robes, as well as all other goods, are sold on honor at very reasonable prices. See them before buying.

CHARLES LEMMLER.

For Sale

A Singer sewing machine at a bargain. For particulars inquire at this office.

Buy where the assortment is. Blankets and Robes. Holmes & Gilfillan.

For stationery, books and periodicals of all kinds call on Gaskin & Grant.

ONE TOUCH OF NATURE

By Martha McCulloch-Williams

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"No! Can't do it, dear boy! Sorry, but 'pon my life I simply can't." Ridgeley said, nodding solemnly and blinking like an owl. Ridgeley was forty-five, bibulous, bulbous, with a fortune swollen to match his bulk and a fondness for spending his money in strictly his own ways.

The room was deadly still. Trenwick started a little at the click of a coal cracking in the grate. He got up, stood with his back to the fire, so its telltale light could not reach his face as he said, with the least little shrug:

"That must be as you please. I wonder, though, if you quite realize what your refusal must mean to me?"

For a moment Ridgeley sat silent; then his head went to the bell, and he said half querulously: "Say what, my boy? You must have a brace or two brancers before you go down to the street. Beastly place anyway. It's—it's a shame you ever went into it."

"It will be a blacker shame my getting out of it," Trenwick said gently. Then his voice shaking with passion: "Ridgeley, surely you don't understand it. It is all tribe, every word I told you. To save myself from beggary I must marry another man's money without his knowledge. Unless—unless I replace it before he does know I shall go to kind the bars—that is, if I let myself live. You know I would never do that."

"Cut that whole wad to a mess! I'll lend you five hundred," Ridgeley began.

Trenwick's face got gray. Something seemed to clutch his throat. Involuntarily he stood a bit straighter. "A thousand times you are generous, but—but I have passed the point of [illegible] blood."

"Rot! You've been reading [illegible]," Ridgeley said irritably, drawing himself [illegible]. Half way across the room Ridgeley still was [illegible]. "Trenwick, [illegible]

"What is it?" Ridgeley asked with [illegible]

"I'll keep this with me [illegible] Trenwick said, [illegible] to his head. "May's last letter. It began: 'I wish I were dead.' It ended: 'I shall have to, I suppose, but I'm afraid I'm a coward.' I'm afraid I am, too. There will be peace and rest enough in any way. I don't want it for—for her, yet I ought not despair this way."

"I would kill you if I were she," Ridgeley cried, clutching at the picture and carrying it to his lips. "May, darling," he murmured, "oh, you shall not take you away from me again. I have cried night after night because I could not remember you—your eyes, your lips and all. Now I will not give you up for millions, all the millions in the world."

"There is no need. Goodby," Trenwick said, with his hand upon the latch. Ridgeley almost bellowed after him: "Come back!"

His checkbook lay upon the table beside him. With a shaking hand he scrawled his name upon a leaf and tossed it blank to Trenwick.

"Fill that in for what you like," he said. "No; don't thank me. Only come back as soon as you have things straight."

Trenwick walked away as one blind, seeing all things through a mist, but his spirit was enlightened.

True Generosity.

A charming story of the late queen of England, vouched for by Mr. A. F. Story, is told in the "Childhood of Queen Victoria." It is so consistent with the queen's known kindness of heart that it speaks for its own truth.

The Princess Victoria had set her heart on buying a doll she had seen in a shop window, but her mother, the Duchess of Kent, would not let her buy it until her next allowance of pocket money was due.

At last the day came, and the princess hurried to the shop, paid over the six bright shillings and got the long coveted doll.

On coming out of the shop with her treasure in her arms the princess encountered a wretchedly miserable tramp, who plucked up courage enough to ask for help. The princess hesitated a moment; then, realizing that she no longer had any money left for the man, she returned to the shopkeeper and gave him back the doll. He gave her the 6 shillings, promising also to keep the doll for her for a few days.

Then the little lady hurried out of the shop and thrust the whole of the money into the hands of the beggar.

Treat a [illegible]

Cold water with [illegible] is the thing to use when an acid [illegible] burn from acids or alkalis is encountered. Nitric acid gets split at times or even [illegible] may. A limb [illegible] with acids must be plunged in cold water and kept there, so that the water may dilute the traces of the acid in the skin as much as possible. When acid burning causes injury the water should be rendered alkaline by adding soda to counteract the acid.

Botanical Note.

A fern in a jardiniere and two little sprouts in tin cans if put in a window are sufficient to give the woman who owns them the right to use the word "fornery."—Atchison Globe.

HE WAS A PAINTER.

A Drunken Prisoner's Excuse In a New York Police Court.

It is characteristic of almost all the prisoners except the drunks that their chief concern is to secure a delay. They plead and beg for an adjournment, which they know will only postpone the inevitable for a day or two, and that although, through their inability to obtain bail, they will have to stay in prison just the same. The most plausible explanation is that they all are fatalists, always hoping that something unexpected may turn up to stave off the impending catastrophe. The drunks, on the other hand, are more eager to face the arbiter of their fates, knowing that nothing worse than a fine is likely to befall them and that the sooner it is imposed the sooner it may be paid or served off. And then there is the chance, if the magistrate is in good humor, that they may get away unscathed at once.

As a rule, although not sober still in their cups, they are loath to make any incriminating confessions. "No, sir," protested a man who kept himself from falling over by holding on nervously to the bar; "I'm not drunk, 'cause no one's drunk who's not falling all over himself." Excuses of the most wonderful kind, some of them really ingenious, others merely ridiculous, are put forward when the futility of feigning innocence has been discovered. The cleverest explanation of that kind that I ever heard was advanced by a man who, when faced with having the grayest unmistakable signs of intoxication, simply replied that he was a painter by trade.

"That has nothing to do with your condition," said the magistrate.

"Of course it has," rejoined the prisoner. "I was painting a barber pole and kept on twisting after the stripes until I got so dizzy that the only thing I was boozy." Edward Fuchsman in Century.

HE WORKED THE BANKER.

How a Clever Merchant Killed Two Birds With One Stone.

Recently a wealthy merchant in Paris who does a [illegible] business [illegible] deposit [illegible] in the [illegible] bank. [illegible] Paris [illegible] but in [illegible] the time [illegible] [illegible] the banker [illegible] was one [illegible] the debtors [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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A Pleasant and Valuable Tonic.

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Just what you want for Lost Appetite.

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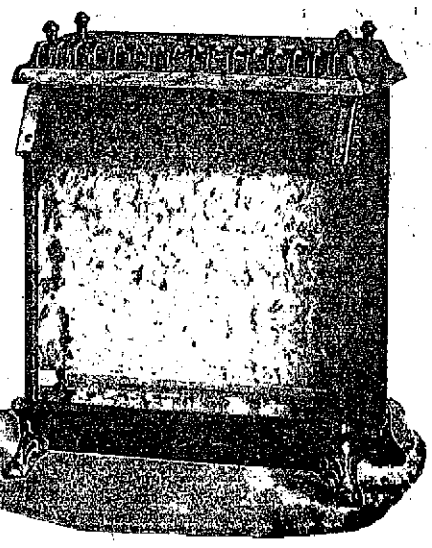

There are 66 Gas Ranges and Heaters on our floor including the following well known makes: Triple Effect, American Beauty, Fortune, Monarch, Jewett, Jewel, Lawrence, Taylor Burner, Highland, New Process, Ideal, Real Economy and Direct Action, at prices ranging from $1.50 to $50. It might pay you to call.

J. C. Hamlin.

McKean County Miner

Entered at the postoffice at Smethport as second class mail matter.

Smethport, Thursday, Nov. 20 1902.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

—Read Shepard & Gallup's new ad.

—J. Colegrove has an interesting ad. in to-day's issue.

—Fry & Herzog will close their store all day Thanksgiving.

—Alex. Reed has moved into the rooms on the second floor of the Ford block.

—Edgar W. Strong, the plumber, has a few ad to-day which will be worth your time to read.

—Oil has been found near Lock Haven consequently the inhabitants of that city are greatly excited

—Roland B. Molineux will go to work in the factory of the DeVoe Paint Works, his father's concern, in Brooklyn.

—Sutton's orchestra of Olean will furnish the music for the hotel porters' ball at the hose house next Wednesday evening.

—Warner's Business College had two students last year from Smethport. One gets $8 per week at Pittsburg and the other $150 per month in Yucatan.

—The Bradford and Warren high school football teams played a game at the latter place Saturday last. Bradford was victorious by a score of 12 to 6.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Phillips, well known and respected residents of Mt. Jewett for many years, will soon take up their residence in St. Louis, Mo.

—According to an exchange John B. Coulston, editor of the Potter Democrat was taken to Buffalo last week, where he will receive medical treatment at a hospital.

—Mrs. Roland B. Molineux has commenced divorce proceedings in a South Dakota court. The grounds on which she makes her application have not been made public.

—John H. Magee, who for the past eight years has been superintendent of the Pennsylvania railroad shops at Olean, died Sunday last from convulsions brought on by bronchitis.

—The Rev. J. H. McCandless was in DuBois this week attending the meeting of the northern convocation of the diocese of Pittsburg. The church at DuBois was consecrated on Monday by Bishop Whitehead.

—Reilly Grannan, the famous plunger, who has made and lost several fortunes on the turf and in speculations of all sorts during the past few years, is now starting at the bottom again. Grannan has sent many a "bookie" to the tall timber, but he is now one himself.

—D. C. Young has a timely advertisement in to-day's issue, to which your attention is directed. This satisfactory store is always at the front with seasonable goods.

A notice was received by P. & E. railroad employes last week that filled all hearts with gladness. The notice was to the effect that beginning with Nov. 1, a ten per cent. advance in wages would be given to all employes, in whatever branch of the service, whose salary was less than $200 per month.

—The "blue bottle" fly is building up a reputation for destruction of life which is making Asiatic cholera and automobiles appear harmless in comparison. The latest victim of the deadly insect is Herman Kaufman of New York city, who was bitten and infected with erysipelas germs which caused his death.

—The big college football games last Saturday resulted as follows: Yale 12, Princeton 5; Carlisle Indians 5, University of Pennsylvania 0; Harvard 16, Dartmouth 6; Cornell 28, Lafayette 0; West Point 46, Syracuse 0; Michigan 21, Chicago 0. Next Saturday occurs the great game of the year, Yale vs. Harvard, at New Haven, Conn.

—The dance and supper given by the Wapella Council, Degree of Pocahontas at the hose house Monday evening was a success in every way. The crowd in attendance enjoyed themselves immensely and the supper was all that could be desired. Hayes Heath of Eldred and Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Sasse of Smethport furnished music for the dancers.

—The Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg Railway company will install along its entire system telegraphones instead of telegraph. This new and peculiar system permits the sending of telegraph messages and of talking both ways at the same time over the same wire. Instruments will be placed in the cabooses, freight engines, stations and blind sidings. In case of accident connections can be made within one minute, at least so the contractors claim.—Ex.

Why Suffer With Your Kidneys?

The discovery of Dr. Geo. Leininger's For-mal-de-hyde Kidney Tablets has proved a blessing to thousands of kidney sufferers who have been restored to perfect health. These tablets drive the kidney disease germs out of the blood and prevent accumulation of uric acid in the system. We urge all sufferers to give this successful and scientific kidney remedy a trial. They come in two sizes, 25 and 50 cents. Come and get a trial treatment free at J. W. Voorhees.

Cure Your Catarrh Now.

V. Van Dorn, 2011 Avenue B, Birmingham, Ala., writes: "I have had catarrh in one of the worst forms for 20 years, and after using Dr. Geo. Leininger's For-mal-de-hyde Inhaler for two days feel entirely relieved and believe by its continued use I will get cured." Sold at 50 cents on a guarantee by J. W. Voorhees.

Use the Redfield mantle.

Correspondence.

ANNIN CREEK.

Miss Mary Bradley is filling the vacancy in the Liberty school, No. 8, Mr. Bishop having resigned.

Many people of this place attended the funeral of Mr. Doyle, which was held last Sunday.

Miss Hazel Norton of Coryville is visiting friends and relatives at this place this week.

Miss Mae Holcomb was the guest of Miss Olive Splain of Sartwell Saturday and Sunday.

Born, to Mr and Mrs. Carl Beckwith, Nov. 10, a girl.

Very Awkward.

A young recruit was set on sentry go and "one, of course, how to do his duty. A good natured comrade brought him a sandwich, and the recruit was about to eat it when the major appeared. As the officer was in mufti the sentry did not recognize him and did not salute. The major took in the situation and asked,

"What's that?"

"A sandwich," replied the recruit. "Have a bit?"

"Do you know who I am?" asked the major.

"Don't know you from a crow. Perhaps you're the major's coachy."

"No; I'm not."

"His groom perhaps?"

"No; try again."

"Perhaps the old chap himself?"

"Right this time," said the major.

"Oh, good gracious!" exclaimed the frightened sentry. "Hold the sandwich while I present arms!"—London Answers.

Applying the Argument.

There are times when one pursues an unbreakable course of reasoning with a child only to find that it results in his own undoing.

"I don't want to wear my old hat to church," said eight-year-old Gladys, "cos it does rain. The trimmin' on that hat is all worn out, besides."

"It's the best thing for you to wear on a day like this," said her mother firmly, "and you must remember that it's the inside and not the outside what's unseen, not what is seen that God looks at, my little girl."

"Yes'm," said Gladys eagerly, "I do remember, but the lining of that hat is worn even worse than the trimming is!"—Youth's Companion.

Origin of "Watered Stock."

The expression "watered stock," which describes so well the expansion of the stock of a company beyond the value of the property, originated, it is said, in connection with Daniel Drew, who was once the wealthiest and most unique manipulator in Wall street. Drew had been a drover in his younger days, and it was said of him that before selling his cattle in the market he would first give them large quantities of salt to make them thirsty and then provide them with all the water they could drink. In this way their weight was greatly increased, and the purchaser was buying "watered stock."—Leslie's Weekly.

And Fate.

In "The Arabian Nights" we find of a wise [illegible] and he [illegible] a decree [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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HARRY L. BACKUS,
Editor and Prop'r.

Smethport, Thursday, Nov. 20, 1902

The coal commission is still at work and no joker from press dispatches has its partner taken at the close of each day's session.

It will no doubt be a matter of great gratification to President Roosevelt to learn that the Knox Leader partially endorses his administration.

Another brutal murder has been added to the long list committed in Rochester, N. Y. The victim is a young lady, Miss Florence McFarlin, a music teacher. Miss Lula Young is in custody, charged with inflicting the fatal stabs. The only words the woman who did the killing was heard to utter were "Oh! Jesus come to-day myself and my husband and I'm glad she is dead."

Reuben Goldmacher, who attempted to take the life of King Leopold last September, has been confronted with another well known anarchist named Megale and has appealed to implicate him in the crime, but broke down under cross examination. says a Times dispatch from Paris via by way of London. In his cell Reuben continues to express regret for the failure to kill the King and declares that he will commit suicide.

Our Washington Correspondent says: "We hear that the President shoots well but that the bears are having lucky escapes," said a member of the President's clerical staff when asked if he had received any private advices as to Mr. Roosevelt's success in the South. Referring to the report that young Theodore Roosevelt was dangerously ill, and that his illness would interfere with the President's outing, Secretary Barnes told your correspondent that there was no ground for the report. "Theodore, Jr., has been using his eyes very hard of late," he said, "and the doctors desire him to give them a week's rest. He is coming to Washington to spend that week with his mother. That is all there is to the sensational story."

Many of the Senators and Representatives who are coming to Washington express their amazement that the President can be away from the White House at this time and some are clearly disappointed. They have numerous "fish to fry" and the absence of Mr. Roosevelt is quite disconcerting. The energy and expedition with which the President dispatched the major portion of his message is unprecedented but on the other hand he has worked early and late and has earned the brief respite he is now enjoying. To those persons entitled to know, his secretaries explain certain portions of his message and make notes of their recommendations, as the President can read them in a much shorter time than would be required to listen to the verbal expression of their views.

With a majority of 6,000 behind him, Representative Heburn has returned to Washington for the session. He says that there is no doubt in his mind but that the speakership must remain in the Mississippi valley. Referring to Mr. Cannon's candidacy for the speakership, he said: "He is an aggressive man, disposed to be arbitrary and passionately addicted to having his own way, and if these temperamental qualities were added by the present House rules, there would be but little necessity for having any other Representative in the House than the one from Danville (Mr. Cannon's home.) Don't understand me to mean that he would be unjust or usurpative of power; he would not have to do that; he would not have to be a usurper; simply exercise the power conferred by the Rules on the Speaker. This fact, in my judgment, makes it desirable to elect a man as Speaker who will use, as infrequently as possible, this great power, and I think Mr. Babcock, from his temperament and from his ideas of the relations which ought to exist between the individual members and the organic body of the House, will strive to protect the Representative character of the House."

Mr. Hepburn states that he has come to Washington early in order to prepare for legislation establishing a department of commerce, which he hopes to see enacted.

Senator Elkins has come to Washington and his given to the press a statement of his attitude in regard to Cuban reciprocity. He says that the reason that he so bitterly opposed the Cuban bill during the last session was that he feared that it would prove the entering wedge which would enable the Congressmen from the northwest to secure free lumber. The duty of $2 per thousand feet on lumber has proved of great value to West Virginia, but the northwestern states wish it removed. He says that he is perfectly willing to vote for a treaty granting reciprocity because that will establish no precedent for the removal of the duty on lumber. Gen. Tasker H. Ellis, who has gone to Havana to promote the negotiation of the treaty, will act as interpreter to greatly promote that end. [illegible] the Treaty to [illegible]

[illegible] Cuban products, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Queen Quality Shoes. **F. G. Lindholm & Co.** Standard Patterns.

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ALL CARPETS MADE FREE OF CHARGE.

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Perhaps the linen closet needs replenishing in order to fitly celebrate the Thanksgiving home-coming. In that case now is a good time and here is a good place to fill up the gaps or to renew the whole supply for we offer Linens of fine texture and snowy whiteness at money-savings so pronounced that housekeepers can ill afford to disregard them. Special for one week.

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$1.00 quality at	$ .75 yard	$1.50 quality at	$1.25 doz
$1.25 quality at	$1.00 yard	$2.00 quality at	$2.50 doz
$1.50 quality at	$1.25 yard	$3.85 quality at	$3.50 doz
$1.75 quality at	$1.50 yard	$5.50 quality at	$4.75 doz

We have a full line of Scarfs, Squares and Doilies at low prices.

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F. G. Lindholm & Co.

Now Heat Your Home Comfortably with a Jewett Reflex Heater.

Even if gas costs 20c per thousand, it would be cheaper for you in a REFLEX than use gas in order makes. This is a positive fact, and REDFIELD, the HARDWARE DEALER, will prove it to you or refund your money. It beats using coal at any price.

All people have been more or less worried in the past to get coal. The JEWETT REFLEX will positively solve your worry in the most convenient and economical way. It will pay you to buy a REFLEX because of its economy and HEATING POWER. Remember, your money back if you are not satisfied.

REDFIELD'S HARDWARE.

McKean County Miner

Smethport, Thursday, Nov. 20 1902

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Read Ed? Bros' ad

—Fry & Herzog have a new ad to-day.

Attend the dance at the hose house Wednesday evening.

—The sheriff's sales appear on the eighth page of to-day's issue.

—F. G. Lindholm & Co. have a change of advertisement this week.

—Holmes & Gilfillan have something of interest to all in their ad this week.

—Mr. Harry Roeder has accepted a position in the dry goods store of Fry & Herzog.

—Lost—Between Smethport and Clermont a medicine hand case. Reward if returned to Dr. Burg Chadwick.

—The dance to be given by the hotel porters at the hose house next Wednesday evening promises to be a decided success.

—A force of carpenters are now at work on the new opera house and it is understood that they are working under "rush" orders.

—Dr. Robt. Hamilton's new building is progressing rapidly. This will be one of the most substantial and convenient buildings in town.

—Subject of sermon at Baptist church next Sunday morning: "Human Kindness. Evening subject: "Reasons for not committing suicide."

—The Kane and Titusville high school football teams played a game at Kane Saturday last which resulted in Kane's defeat by a score of 10 to 0.

—A new sidewalk has been constructed in front of the MINER office. From now on this paper will conduct a fearless crusade against defective walks.

—Ralph P. Yerdon of this place will soon open a first-class restaurant at Kane. Mr. Yerdon has the best wishes of Smethport people for success.

—The announcement that a St. Louis man has lost his mind in a poker game indicates how recklessly some men will bet on a good hand.—Buffalo Express.

—At the Methodist church next Sunday the pastor's subject for the morning is, "A Day to Stop Grumbling." His subject for the evening is. "In the Grip of a Giant.

—A delegation from the stone mason and bricklayer's union of Port Allegany attended the funeral of Lewis Valin in Smethport Sunday last. Mr. Valin was a member of the union.

—Arthur Yonmans has accepted a position with F. G. Lindholm & Co. The business of this popular firm is steadily increasing and they are continually adding to their corps of clerks.

Last Friday night was the most disastrous night for chickens that Bradford has experienced for many years. Between the hours of 10 o'clock and midnight over 100 chickens were killed in the city limits. Many people who had large flocks of poultry found their chickens had been killed and carried away. Fully 200 chickens were killed in the city limits. Many people who had large flocks of poultry found their chickens had been killed and carried away. Kane Leader. Until reading the above we were in ignorance of the wanton slaughter of Judge Morrison's stock for any other. However we are glad to learn that Tom was spared and extend our congratulations.

—A farewell tea was given at St. Luke's parish house Tuesday evening in honor of Mrs. J. Franklin Olmsted, who will soon join her husband at Crestline, Ohio. Many friends of the popular lady were in attendance and all wish her joy in her new home.

—After witnessing the production of a drama in a Philadelphia theatre one night this week, Milton Campbell, a drug clerk of South Bethlehem, committed suicide.—Ex. This was certainly a "rush act." If the show was as bad as all that homicide should have been his mania.

—The marriage of Miss Hattie Leighton of this borough and Martin McNerny of Dunkirk was solemnized at St. Gabriel's church Monday morning. The young couple departed on train No. 101 amid showers of rice and good wishes from their many friends.—Port Allegany Argus.

—Newman A. Smith, who was held in the sum of $800 bail on charges of surety of the peace and aggravated assault and battery, was taken to Smethport Monday by Constable Spreter to await trial. Mrs. Hamilton, the prosecutor, has recovered sufficiently from her injuries to be considered out of danger.—Bradford Era.

—Sam. Woodard, a Potter county man, was assaulted and robbed at Olean one night last week. The victim is in a critical condition as a result of the injuries he received, but physicians say that with careful attention he may recover. A man named Brumold is being held by the Olean police on suspicion of being implicated in the crime.

It is believed that the world's renowned strong man, Eugene Sandow, with his wife, were lost in the wreck of Ellingamite, which went ashore on Three Kings Islands three weeks ago. Sandow's wife wrote to friends in London by the last mail, of her intention to go to New Zealand aboard the Ellingamite. Since then no news has been received from them.

Joseph Wilson, son of Harry Wilson, of Smethport, and a graduate of the West Jersey & Reading Railroad shops at Camden, N. J., was killed in the Delaware river bridge disaster at Tacony, Pa., Thursday morning. He was a fireman on the engine that was backing down the bridge when the span gave way. He was 23 years old. His father was formerly a resident of Smethport.

For a good [illegible] see Gaskin & Grant.

—The Bank of Bradford & Trust Co. has a new ad in to-day's MINER to which your attention is directed. That this concern is confined on a solid financial basis, a reading of the names of the officials will show.

—The MINER will be issued on Wednesday next week in order to allow the force a holiday Thursday. Advertisers are requested to have copy for changes, if any are desired, in the office before 6 o'clock Monday evening.

—Crosby Tent, No. 24, will give a grand ball in its hall at Newerf, next Wednesday evening, Nov. 26. First class music will be in attendance, supper will be served and all are invited to come and have a good time.

—Frank Seibert of this place is the proud possessor of a silver medal, presented to him by a life saving association for bravery which he exhibited in rescuing a little girl from drowning at Atlantic City, N. J., last summer.

—Warren newspapers give Bradford and its football team a severe roast. The usually placid columns of Warren papers are not fitting grounds for the strenuous game of football, especially after the contest has been settled on the gridiron.

—The high school orchestra is practicing diligently and bids fair to become a noted musical organization. New members are being added and the instrumentation is consequently expanding. Their first public appearance is anxiously awaited.

—Thos. Brahaney died at his home in Kane last Friday after a long illness. For a number of years Mr. Brahaney was a member of the wholesale liquor firm of Brahaney & Healey of Kane, and had many friends throughout the county. He was aged 43 years.

—Miss Anna Walden of Shongo, N. Y., is a victim of fits. Recently she had 45 fits in 16 hours and became delirious. She repeatedly called for a bass drum in her ravings and finally one was brought to her bedside and at the third tap she regained consciousness and is now as bright as ever. A "drum cure" is now among scientific possibilities.

—According to the Bradford Star the Lazier Gas Engine Co. of West Virginia has brought suit against John E. DuBois of DuBois in the United States circuit court for $125,000 damages for an alleged breach of contract. The plaintiff asserts that the agreement with the defendant called for the manufacture of a certain number of gas engines per year, which were not forthcoming, and as a result numerous contracts had to be recalled. Hence the suit for damages.

Correspondence.

FARMERS VALLEY.

Dinner will be served in the Grange hall on Thanksgiving day. All are invited to come and bring something for the table and spend a social hour or two. There will be an appropriate program in the afternoon rendered by the young people.

The Ladies' Aid was very pleasantly entertained at Casper Smith's on Wednesday of last week. Their next meeting will be at Mrs. Martha Beckwith's on Thursday, the 20th inst.

The Valley Grange initiated six new members in the first and second degrees on Saturday evening making a class of eight to take the 3d and 4th degrees on the 29th of the month.

Alice Stull has been suffering with a severe attack of tonsilitis, but at this writing is again able to resume her duties as teacher. Mr. Richmond taught during her illness.

Carl Stull, who has been spending a few days with relatives and friends in the Valley, returned to his Niagara Falls home.

W. H. Swort started on Tuesday morning for Los Angeles, Cal., where he intends to spend the winter.

Mattie Bennett spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. Youmans of Ormsby.

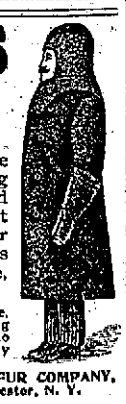
C. C. Deeger and J. C. Stull made a business trip to Ormsby on Tuesday.

Harry Roeder has secured a position with Fry & Herzog at Smethport.

Fruits and vegetables of all kinds in season can be had of Gaskin & Grant.

The best robes and blankets at the lowest prices at Charles Lemmler's.

SEND US A COW,



Steer, Bull or Horse hide, Calf skin, Dog skin, or any other kind of hide or skin, and let us tan it with the hair on, soft, light, odorless and moth-proof, for robe, rug, coat or gloves.

But first get our Catalogue, giving prices, and our shipping tags and instructions, so as to avoid mistakes. We also buy raw furs.

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PERSONAL MENTION.

Tom Morrison visited Kane Saturday last.

J. E. Myers had business in Kane Monday.

Sheriff W. B. Clarke made Kane a business visit Saturday.

R. P. Yerdon and Dr. W. A. Ostrander visited Kane Saturday.

Mrs. G. H. Patterson visited in Portville this week.

Prothonotary-elect S. E. Bell and wife visited Bradford friends Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Shonk of Port Allegany visited in Smethport Saturday.

Rev. G. H. Patterson attended the district conference at Friendship this week.

Hayes G. Heath of Eldred was a welcome caller at the MINER office Tuesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Miller of Kane visited friends in Smethport the first of the week.

Judge T. A. Morrison and wife were guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Huey of Kane Saturday last.

Miss Agnes McCoy sang an offertory solo at St. Margaret's church, Mt. Jewett, last Sunday night.

Rex Gortoff of the U. S. Marines returned to Norfolk, Virginia, last Friday, where he is stationed.

Mrs. W. I. Lewis of Coudersport is in Smethport, called by the illness of her mother, Mrs. E. B. Colegrove.

Misses Beatrice and Lottie McLaughlin of Smethport were guests of Miss Mamie Jones of Kane last week.

Dr. S. C. Williamson of Canisteo, N. Y., and Dr. Burg Chadwick were called in consultation at Buffalo Saturday.

I have a few single-combed White Leghorn cockerels for sale.
W. J. WILSON,
H. B. Smethport, Pa., R. F. D. No. 1.

The finest line of nuts and candies can be found at the store of Gaskin & Grant.

The Simple Rule of Three

Weight, color and size is what makes a purchase of meat profitable.

We can supply the market every week day. We can save you all that worry.

Ham, Switzer and Limburger Cheese.

Try Wesson Cooking Oil in place of lard.

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SMETHPORT, PA.

Next to Bank.

Shattered Health

can be repaired. There are remedies, if not certain cures, here for every ailment under the sun. Our stock of

Drugs and Medicines

is the most complete in the city. May be necessary for the physician to decide what the medicine shall be. We can fill his

Prescriptions

by compounding accurately the purest and freshest drugs. What cannot be found in our line of Proprietary Articles cannot be considered the best. We carry all that are good.

L. K. Hogarth & Co.

Leading Druggists.

Opp. Court House, SMETHPORT.

Model Restaurant.

Warm Meals and Quick Lunches at all hours.

We serve to please the people with the best the market affords.

Cigars, Tobacco,
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Oysters in season.
Give us a call.

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SNOWY THANKSGIVING LINENS.

RARE VALUES.

This is a collection of linens of more than ordinary interest. In point of variety and newness it will command your attention. In point of values you will recognize substantial savings. You'll have to come to the store to appreciate these offerings.

66 inch all Linen Silver Bleached Damask		-	50c yd
72 " " " Bleached Damask		-	50c yd
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Napkins to match all damasks at 75c and above.

Special Sets, 2x2½ yds, 24 inch Napkins to match $7.50 set
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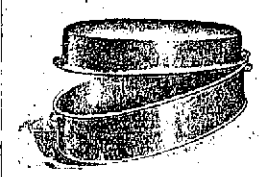

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It is different from all other kinds.

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GRANT AND VICKSBURG

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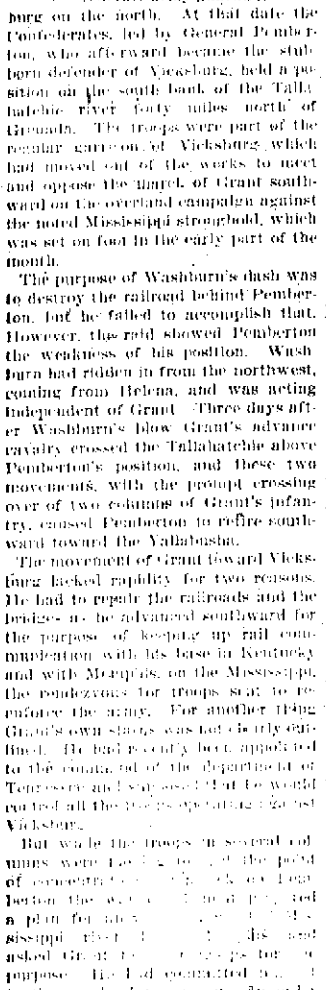
NOV. 29, 1862, General Washburn's Federal cavalry dashed into the town of Grenada, Miss., in the rear of the Confederate army guarding Vicksburg on the north. At that date the Confederates, led by General Pemberton, who afterward became the stubborn defender of Vicksburg, held a position on the south bank of the Tallahatchie river forty miles north of Grenada. The troops were part of the regular garrison of Vicksburg, which had moved out of the works to meet and oppose the march of Grant southward on the overland campaign against the noted Mississippi stronghold, which was set on foot in the early part of the month.

The purpose of Washburn's dash was to destroy the railroad behind Pemberton, but he failed to accomplish that. However, the raid showed Pemberton the weakness of his position. Washburn had ridden in from the northwest, coming from Helena, and was acting independent of Grant. Three days after Washburn's blow Grant's advance cavalry crossed the Tallahatchie above Pemberton's position, and these two movements, with the prompt crossing over of two columns of Grant's infantry, caused Pemberton to retire southward toward the Yallabusha.

The movement of Grant toward Vicksburg lacked rapidity for two reasons. He had to repair the railroads and the bridges as he advanced southward for the purpose of keeping up rail communication with his base in Kentucky and with Memphis, on the Mississippi, the rendezvous for troops sent to reinforce the army. For another thing Grant's own stores was not clearly defined. He had recently been appointed to the command of the department of Tennessee and supposed that he would control all the troops operating against Vicksburg.

But while the troops in several columns were [illegible] the point of concentration [illegible] Pemberton the [illegible] and a plan for [illegible] sissippi river [illegible] asked Grant [illegible] purpose. He had [illegible] to the overland [illegible] In order to insure supplies for the troops all the provisions of the country, and those were in abundance, had been gathered into the stores. Grant believed that if necessary the army could live off the country it passed through on a hostile campaign.

For some weeks, or all through the month of November while the Federals were crossing from Tennessee into Mississippi, the outposts of both armies had frequently met in skirmishes and Generals Pemberton was kept informed of the movements of



WASHBURN'S CAVALRY DASH AT GRENADA

the enemy as well as the strength of his foe. Pemberton's headquarters were at Jackson, Miss., a point east of Vicksburg. He commanded, all told, about 40,000 men. The front line was under the leadership of General Earl Van Dorn, who had fought Rosecrans at Corinth in October. Van Dorn had about 24,000 men and 10,000 more were in garrison at Vicksburg and Port Hudson.

Having brought his army into close touch with the enemy in Mississippi, Grant was loath to weaken his movement by detaching large bodies of troops to support another plan. He believed that a steady advance overland would compel the Confederates to draw all their strength to the defense of the territory threatened. Even in the event of another Federal expedition down the river, he held that his own march overland would induce the Confederates to mass their strength on his front to impede his progress southward, and all the troops retained there would by just so much weaken the true defenders of Vicksburg. As the matter stood the first week in December, Pemberton was

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calling upon the authorities at Richmond for reenforcements to cope with Grant. He asked that troops be sent him from the army of Bragg in east Tennessee and from the force west of the Mississippi, where there was then no active enemy to contend with.

Grant controlled in the limits of his department 50,000 troops. His movement southward was three times checked by orders from the war department, which favored the expedition down the river. He was finally given discretion in the case, but cautioned not to "go too far" in the march overland against Pemberton. Sherman commanded two divisions in Grant's army and had held them at Memphis. Grant at first intended to take all his force against Pemberton, and Sherman joined him about the time his infantry crossed the Tallahatchie, Dec. 2.

There were weighty reasons against a divided movement upon Vicksburg over the land and water routes. The Confederates held interior lines and could easily use the same troops to fight Grant's column in Mississippi and one going down the river, while these columns could only support each other by the long course back to Memphis and then to the point of danger many days' travel to the front. Seeing, however, that the war department was firm in its purpose to make an attack down the river, even though Grant should go ahead on the course he had adopted overland, that general called Sherman into his councils, and the result was that Sherman and not Grant led the first formidable attack upon the fortifications of Vicksburg.

After considerable [illegible] with Washington, Grant was ordered to have 20,000 troops at Memphis for an attack down the river. A large part of these troops was to be new regiments, and it was known that General J. A. McClernand, then stationed in Illinois, was raising men for the purpose of an expedition down the river. McClernand was of higher rank than Sherman and had authority from the president and secretary of war to command the river expedition independent of Grant.

In order to forestall McClernand, Grant, who finally got authority to either lead the troops he was to send with the expedition down the river in person or appoint another to the task, sent Sherman. Sherman's instructions were to take one of his own divisions and the troops of General Curtis then at Memphis, and proceed at once down the Mississippi and with the aid of the gunboats reduce the Confederate fortress. By prompt action Sherman's expedition got under way before McClernand was ready, and he retained the chief command to the end.

After Sherman had cut loose from Grant and the forces were separated there was a new problem for the commander in northern Mississippi. Should he be defeated in battle the Confederates could overrun west Tennessee and even Kentucky and, once in the rear of Sherman, destroy his supplies and take Memphis in his rear. The new situation, therefore, imposed extra caution upon Grant. Against his own judgment he had divided his army in the face of the enemy, and either wing was weaker than the enemy when he concentrated his strength, which he could readily do. It was understood between Grant and Sherman that, in case Pemberton refused to stand for battle against Grant's column and marched back to Vicksburg to [illegible] mate Sherman, Grant would follow close on his heels and get into position to attack the Confederate rear while Sherman engaged on the front.

It was expected that Pemberton would look first to the safety of Vicksburg, for that was the problem set before him.

Sherman's force was insignificant as compared with all that Pemberton could marshal against him if he chose to ignore Grant. But if Grant could keep Pemberton away from Vicksburg the task would be easy, for the actual garrison of the Vicksburg fortress at the time was only about 6,000 men.

Pemberton's urgent call for more troops to hold Vicksburg against Grant was an evidence that he had little confidence in his ability to guard the immediate fortress and also cover the large territory adjacent and lying exposed to the Federal columns. But he did not give up the task of warding off the threatened blow. While Grant was planning and making dispositions the Confederate cavalryman Forrest gathered his rough riders in west Tennessee for a dash upon the Mississippi Central railroad, upon which Grant depended for communications with his main base in Kentucky. Forrest had come from Bragg's camp in east Tennessee. Bragg could spare no infantry to reenforce Pemberton, but he promptly sent what aid he could in the shape of a raiding cavalcade.

While Forrest was preparing for his bold ride behind Grant, Pemberton set on foot a similar expedition with forces nearer home. General Earl Van Dorn, who was at the head of the largest body of the troops afield in Mississippi, had the reputation of a dashing leader for mounted men. A raid under his leadership was planned to strike the railroad just in rear of Grant's line and destroy his army stores. These two bolts hung over Grant while he was pushing his way toward the Yallabusha, with Sherman speeding away in another direction.

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FLAGS ON THE CAPITOL.

What It Means When They Are Flying at Half Mast.

The flying of flags over the capitol at half mast is regulated by the strictest rules. Whenever these flags are seen floating half way down the mast it is a sure indication that a vice president, senator or representative is lying dead or that the action is taken in response to a presidential proclamation ordering the flags on public buildings at half mast in respect to the memory of some prominent official of the government who has passed away.

When the sergeant at arms of the senate or house of representatives learns of the death of a member of either of those bodies he at once orders that the flags over the senate chamber or hall of representatives be half masted. This is often done before the houses of congress themselves are officially notified of the death. A good deal of discretion is exercised in the manner of placing the news of a death of this kind officially before the senate or the house. Upon such an announcement it is customary for the houses to adjourn in respect to the deceased senator or representative, and in order that the current business may not be stopped early in the day the announcement is generally made just before the houses are ready to conclude their day's work.

Officers of the senate and house when they fly the flags at half mast in response to a proclamation by the president regard their action as one of courtesy, as they do not recognize the power of the president to order congress to do anything except to assemble in extraordinary session. They have always responded to the requests of such proclamations. It would be a nice question if one could imagine that it could ever be raised, to know to what extent the president's authority would allow him to order flags at half mast on the capitol. While his authority would not extend over the employees of the senate and house, yet the capitol itself for many years was in fact controlled exclusively by him so far as the care of the building is concerned, and the superintendent of the building [illegible] by him without [illegible] action on the part of the [illegible]

As [illegible] has the power to [illegible] of the [illegible] control [illegible] failure of the [illegible] ders [illegible] the [illegible] he should [illegible] over [illegible] order [illegible] have power to [illegible] appoint some one else in his place without the concurrence of either branch of congress, except so far as the appropriation for the official's salary would be involved. These are practically moot questions, but they occasionally form interesting subjects for fireside talks when flags are half masted in response to presidential proclamations.—Washington Star.

Thumb Nail Pictures.

In collections, scrupulous old, to be seen in both China and Japan are specimens of the most remarkable drawings in the world, pictures of all kinds drawn with the thumb nail. The nails of the thumbs on the left hands, of the artists of these are allowed to grow to an enormous length, sometimes to a foot or eighteen inches, and are then pared down to a pen shaped point. Dipping this oddly constructed pen in beautiful vermilion or sky blue ink, the only kinds of ink used in these sacred thumb nail drawings, the artist gracefully outlines his work.

Occasionally the bold touches from the studio of a master in this department of "high art" are life size and are sketched by a few sweeps of the artist's arm. Like other pictures and sketches of the orient, these sacred thumb nail pictures are mounted and rolled up like scrolls.

Some Words.

According to the late Richard A. Proctor, says the London Chronicle, the phrase "I guess," to English ears so ridiculous, is really identical with the old expression, "I wis," meaning "I know." The word "guess" has changed its meaning entirely in England, but has partly preserved it in America, where of course the native says "I guess" when he is more or less in a state of certainty. There are many other examples of words that have played fast and loose with "g" and "w," such as "guardian" and "warden," "guard" and "ward," "gulchet" and "wicket."

A Conscience Jar.

"Did you ever stop to think, my love," said Mr. Micawber, gazing at his plate of lobster salad, "that the things we love most in this life are the very things that never agree with us?"

"Will you be so kind, Micawber," said Mrs. Micawber, straightening up, "as to tell me whether you are speaking of the salad or of me, sir?"

Recklessness of a Beginner.

Old Stager—I see this is your first campaign.

Candidate—It is. How did you guess it?

Old Stager—You are distributing real Havana cigars.—Chicago Tribune.

Exchange of Compliments.

Maud—My mamma says she can remember when your mamma kept a grocer's shop.

Marie—My mamma says she can remember how much your mamma owes her for groceries.

Every one should take care that he behaves so well that his enemies do not behave better.—Atchison Globe.

CONCERNING CALENDARS.

Some Interesting Ones Date as Far Back as the Fourth Century.

Among the Greeks and Romans almanacs or calendars were not written for the general public, but were preserved as part of the esoteric learning of the priests, whom the people had to consult not only for the dates of the festivals, but for the proper times when various legal proceedings might be instituted. About 304 B. C., however, one Flavius Flavius, secretary to Appius Claudius, stole these secrets by repeated applications to the priests and collated the information so gained. It was really publishing an almanac when, as Livy relates, Flavius exhibited the fasti on white tables around the forum. From this time similar tablets containing the calendar, the festivals, astronomical phenomena and sometimes also notes of events became quite common. They have been dug up in Pompeii and elsewhere.

There are also extant Christian calendars dating as far back as the fourth century, which give the names of the saints and other religious information.

One of the most famous of the calendars of the middle ages is that compiled by Petrus of Dacia in A. D. 1300. A manuscript copy is preserved in the Savilian library at Oxford. The Symbolical Man or Man of Signs (Homo Signorum), still a common feature in almanacs, appears in this book, not, it is conjectured, for the first time, as it seems to have been a survival from the time of Ptolemy's "Almagest," a collection of classic observations and problems relating to geometry and astronomy.

The first printed almanac was the "Pro Pluribus Annis," issued at Vienna in 1457 by an astronomer named Purbach. The earliest known almanac devoted expressly to the year of issue was published by Rabdolt in 1476.

Thenceforth the [illegible] yearly character of the publications came to be definitely recognized by almanac makers. Nostradamus set the fashion of incorporating predictions of coming events into almanacs, a fashion that has continued to this day in all parts. Astrological brochures of this sort despite [illegible] efforts to suppress it by royal authority in France and elsewhere [illegible].

WEATHER PROPHETS.

Blow out a candle, and if the wick continues long to smolder look for bad weather. If it goes out quickly, the weather will be fair.

The twelve days after Christmas indicate the weather for the following year. Each day in order shows the weather for one month.

When it begins to snow, notice the size of the flakes. If they are very fine, the storm will be a long one; if large, the storm will soon be over.

If the chickens come out while it rains, it is a sign that the storm is to be a long one. If they stand around under the shed, the storm will be short.

When the cattle lie down as soon as they are turned out to pasture in the morning, it is because they feel a rheumatic weariness in their bones, and you can look for rain soon.

When a light passes and no dew falls, it is a sign it is going to rain. This comes loses much of its mystery when one remembers that dew has not fallen because the night was clouded.

When you see the sun drawing water at night, know that it will rain on the morrow. The sun is said to be drawing water when its rays can be seen shining through rifts in distant clouds.

Brain Strain.

A French investigator has come to the conclusion that the brains of military men give out most quickly. He states that out of every 100,000 men of the army or naval profession 199 are hopeless lunatics. Of the liberal professions artists are the first to succumb to the brain strain, next the lawyers, followed at some distance by doctors, clergy, literary men and civil servants. Striking an average of this group, 177 go mad to each 100,000.—London Express.

A Painful Inference.

A teacher was instructing a class of boys and had spent half an hour trying to drive into their heads the difference between man and the lower animals, but apparently with little success.

"Tommy," he said coaxingly to a little chap, "do you know the difference between, say, me and a pig or any other brute?"

"No," replied Tommy innocently, but another teacher standing by laughed.—London Answers.

His Dialect.

"Mike," said Plodding Pete, "did you ever go to school?"

"Sure," answered Meandering Mike. "I don't have to talk dis way. If I showed off me literary accomplishments, folks would wonder why I wasn't readin' de help wanted advertisements instid o' huntin' fur handouts."—Washington Star.

After the Quarrel.

He (to himself)—There! All on account of my beastly temper, I suppose I've gone and said too much.

She (to herself)—Oh, dear! If I hadn't lost my temper, I might have said ever so much more.—Brooklyn Life.

Dangerous Economy.

"So the engagement's off?"

"Yes. She advised him to practice economy, and he started in by getting her an imitation diamond."—Detroit Free Press.

Coeducation.

"Do you believe in coeducation?"

"Not much. There is usually too much 'co' and too little 'education.'"—New York World.

THREE GREAT CANYONS.

Yosemite, Yellowstone and Grand Canyon of the Colorado Compared.

The justly famous Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone is, like the Colorado, gorgeously colored and abruptly countersunk in a plateau, and both are mainly the work of water. But the Colorado's canyon is more than 1,000 times larger, and as a score or two new buildings of ordinary size would not appreciably change the general view of a great city so hundreds of Yellowstones might be eroded in the sides of the Colorado canyon without noticeably augmenting its size or the richness of its sculpture. But it is not true that the great Yosemite rocks would be thus lost or laddos. Nothing of their kind in the world, so far as I know, rivals El Capitan and Tissiack, much less excels or in any way belittles them. None of the sandstone or limestone precipices of the canyon that I have seen or heard and of approaches in smooth flawless strength and grandeur the granite face of El Capitan or the Tenaya side of Cloud's Rest. These colossal cliffs, types of permanence, are about 3,300 and 6,000 feet high; those of the canyon that are sheer are about half as high and are types of fleeting change, while glorious domed Tissiack, noblest of mountain buildings, far from being overshadowed or lost in this rosy, spiry canyon company, would draw every eye and in serene majesty "adorn them all;" she would take her place—castle, temple, palace or tower. Nevertheless a noted writer, comparing the Grand canyon in a general way with the glacial Yosemite, says: "And the Yosemite—ah, the lovely Yosemite! Dumped down into the wilderness of gorges and mountains, it would take a guide who knew of its existence a long time to find it." This is striking and shows up well above the level of commonplace description but it is confusing and has the fatal fault of not being true.—John Muir in Century.

Sympathetic Folks.

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Bugle Calls...

By CAPTAIN DRAYLE

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One day when Company B of the Seventh was returning from a scout after hostile Indians a boy of ten who had been hiding in a dry ditch suddenly leaped up before the horses. His story was the familiar one. An emigrant camp had been beset by the hostiles at night, a score of men, women and children wiped out, and the boy had escaped, he knew not how. The soldiers claimed the orphan as their own, and in a way Company B adopted him.

For the first year or two it was feared that relatives might turn up or that the colonel would send him away to be adopted and cared for by civilians, but these calamities did not happen. The boy gave his name as Stanley Martin, and as the chaplain wrote it down in making a record, but the soldiers called him Billy from the first day to the last. He was a bright, cheerful youngster by nature, and after time had blunted his grief no one laughed oftener than Billy. The petting he received from the men of the company would have spoiled most kids, but it made Billy none the worse. He might have picked up profanity, selfishness and braggadocio, but he never did. He was encouraged to smoke and chew, but he did not fall into those bad habits. At the age of twelve he was better educated than some of the corporals and at fourteen the commissary took him on as a clerk.

How it was arranged does not matter, but a year later Billy became Company B's bugler. He had been a pupil until he could be taught nothing more. His bugle calls were music to the whole regiment, and he believed what he heard. He could do no wrong. And at fourteen he was the idol of the camp.

Company B was [illegible] to Wharton's ranch. Wharton himself was jolly and good natured, his wife was motherly and kind hearted and their daughter Kathryn [illegible] younger than the trooper, was old enough to steal a boy's heart. [illegible] The soldiers camped on after awhile and had their jokes at Billy's expense, but they did not go too far. Even the roughest of the men always respected the boy's feelings. He blushed and stammered when they laughed at his love affair, but he went just as often to Wharton's.

One day, and for the first time, he was sent there officially. The hostiles were taking in the whole length of the valley, beating back or dodging the forces sent out, and if the Whartons did not seek the shelter of the fort they were certain to fall victims within a day or two. Other settlers had come in, but Wharton argued that the marauders would turn back before his place was reached. The colonel of the Seventh had written him almost a peremptory order to come in without an hour's delay, and Billy was the messenger deputed to carry it. He had a fast pony, was a good rider and had a cool head, and it was argued that he would be several hours ahead of danger. A light Winchester and a belt of cartridges were given him, and it was only when he was on his way that any one noticed the bugle slung to his back. He rode at a fast pace and reached Wharton's without adventure. The message must have convinced the ranchman of the necessity of haste, for he brought up his wagon and began loading it with household effects. It was while thus engaged that the Indians came upon him.

Billy had left the fort at 10 o'clock in the forenoon. It could be figured out that if Wharton refused to come the boy would be back at half past 12 at the latest. If Wharton accompanied him back, then it might be an hour later. It came 1 o'clock, and it came 2 and 3, and there was no sign of Billy. Then the colonel ordered out Company B for a scout. There were only seventy men, but it was believed they could take care of any force likely to be met with that far down the valley. The orders were to ride on until they found the boy, and the troop was no sooner clear of the stockade than the horses were put to the gallop. They hoped to meet Billy before the crest of Snake hill was reached, but when a halt was made on the summit to breathe the horses and the troopers looked down upon Wharton's ranch, still three miles away, a dozen men cried out in chorus:

"Look! Look! The redskins have jumped the ranch and are burning the house."

Clouds of smoke were arising from three or four points on the ranch property, but after a minute it was seen that sheds and stacks only had been fired and that the house itself was still intact. But as the soldiers used their naked eyes and the officers their glasses to locate the redskins the sounds of rifle shots came floating up to them, followed by the notes of a bugle. Bugler Billy was sounding "Boots and saddles!" as a call for aid.

Company B had brought along a supernumerary bugler. The captain nodded to him. He dismounted, climbed the big bowlder which was a landmark and from its crest sent the alarming notes back across the valley to tell the beleaguered ones that rescue was at hand. Then as he touched the saddle again the troop went thundering down the eastern slope to fall upon the Indians red handed. It reached the valley, it had formed platoon front, the carbines had been unslung, when up rose 200 warriors to bar its further progress and its retreat and drive it to cover on the right. Ten saddles had been emptied before cover was reached. The Indians had set a trap, and the troopers had galloped into it. For half an hour the hostiles pressed the attack so vigorously that it seemed as if the troop must be wiped out, but the cool and steady fire of the soldiers finally cleared the foe away, and rifle and carbine ceased their racket for a time.

As silence fell came the notes of Billy's bugle to tell his comrades that he was still alive and knew of their near presence. Again he was answered, but the Indian chiefs shook their heads and cursed and muttered. It was plain to them that the boy and the Whartons were beset in the ranchhouse by twenty to one and just as plain that they were helpless to aid them. The Indians had simply fallen back to cover instead of retreating. The troop was surrounded and shut in, and to attempt to break out of the circle meant a massacre.

Now began a fierce attack on the ranchhouse that lasted for half an hour. When the firing had died away, Billy's bugle calls floated across the level to tell his comrades that the foe still held out, and they were answered with wild cheers. Twice again before the sun went down the Indians made fierce attacks on the intrenched troopers, to be driven back, and twice and thrice they renewed the attacks on the ranchhouse. After the attack at 4 o'clock Billy's bugle calls were heard, but three-quarters of an hour later the troopers sprang up and exhausted to cheer.

"That was Billy's reveille! Some one else is coming to relief!"

"The Whartons' murderers!" was the [illegible] answer.

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BESTED THE PARSON.

A Case Where the Wedding Ring Went on the Right Hand.

A clerical correspondent of the London Express tells of a wedding ceremony in which he officiated and in the end found for cultured observances had himself open to a comical and crushing retort.

"I was then curate of a small country parish in Somersetshire, and one day a couple presented themselves after due preliminaries for marriage in the village church.

"All went well until the moment came when it is directed by the rubric that the man shall place the ring upon the fourth finger of the woman's left hand, but then trouble began. The young, apparently from nervousness or fear, took the left hand of the girl instead of the expectant bride and placed the ring there resolutely.

"'No,' I said, with quiet firmness, 'you must put the ring on her left hand.' To this he only reply was a stolid stare. Thinking he had not understood me, I repeated my words, but with no better effect.

"With as much warmth and insistence as was justified by the occasion I now took firmer ground and said, 'If you do not put the ring on her left hand, I must stop the service.'

"And then the climax came. With a complacent smile, that seemed to show his satisfaction at having for the moment 'bested' the person, the bridegroom exclaimed, 'The point for all time with the words, 'Please, sir, she ain't got none!'"

How Billiards Were Invented.

The French are very fond of the game of billiards, and a letter in the British Museum gives the origin of the sport. It was invented by a London pawnbroker whose name was William Kew. Kew lost only feet in any, but he still played, and for the latter purpose had a yard measure with which he used to calculate the angles. One day he found himself to be in the three points had which to the ball is to make. They may still be seen in front of certain shops in London, "going Kew on his counter for to find out if there's about with his yard measure."

H. Jones, I made a pretty game. He got a kind of edge in making one ball glance off the other, and his friends who saw him thus engaged called the game Jones' Kew. It was soon shortened into billiards. But the yardstick was the instrument with which the balls were knocked about, and differently arose as to what Kew did it. They called it after the name of the pawnbroker—a Kew Paris Figaro.

Ten Men and a Safe.

In the settlement of one of our big life insurance companies is a safe so large that a theatrical company might perform Otello. There are 10 doors, the combinations of whose locks are controlled by ten men. Each man, a high official of the company, has in charge part of the interest which. In instance, five men are required to open the safe door, and knowing a fifth part of the combination and no more. A, having set the gearings in his combination, is followed in turn by B, C, D and E, when the bolt may be moved. In the safe's compass the second door is opened by three men in combination with five of the third by two in the latter case with three in combination with one or more of the other eight on the outer and second doors. The safe is regarded as safe. New York Press.

Breaking Glass.

The following is an easy method of breaking glass to any required form: Make a small notch by means of a file on the edge of a piece of glass; then make the end of a tobacco pipe or a rod of iron of about the same size red hot in the fire. Apply the hot iron to the notch and draw it slowly along the surface of the glass in any direction you please. A crack will be made in the glass and will follow the direction of the iron.

Embarrassing For the Professor.

Professor to his class: Gentlemen, I have to apologize for a short delay in beginning this lecture. I have unfortunately left my manuscript at home, but my boy, whom I have sent for it, will be here shortly.

Professor's Son (audibly)—Mother couldn't find the manuscript, so she has sent the book you copied it from.—New York Times.

Brown's Sympathy.

Jones—Charley fell from a street car last evening.

Brown—Oh, I'm awfully sorry!

Jones—But he wasn't hurt at all.

Brown—I wasn't thinking about Charley. I was thinking of the sufferings of those who would be told about that fall for months to come.—Boston Transcript.

A Puzzler.

"Paw," said little Tommy Figg on being scolded, "I heard Mr. Watts say that great men's sons never did any good. I ain't a great man's son, am I?"

Up to a late hour Mr. Figg's mind had not found a sufficiently diplomatic answer.

Double Work.

First Decorator—I advised him to have his house decorated during his wife's absence as a surprise.

Second Decorator—Good! Then we'll have to do it all over again when she gets back.—Life.

Good Manners.

Good manners is the art of making those people easy with whom we converse. Whoever makes the fewest persons uneasy is the best bred in the company.

A Rub For Tennyson.

When Alfred Tennyson appeared in the Oxford theater to receive his D. C. L. degree, it is said that his dishevelled hair and generally negligent state provoked the undergraduates into greeting him with the inquiry, "Did your mother call you early, call you early, Alfred, dear?"

RELIGION OF THE BLANKET

How the Navajo Squaw Prays as She Spins and Weaves.

It is a religion to make a Navajo blanket. Through the kinky, bristling twine of the warp are woven the hopes and aspirations of an immortal soul. In the warm colors are expressed the ardors of passionate hearts, the sandstorms they have faced, the cloudbursts under which their backs have bent, the sunlight sunshine that has dried their weed; all the adverse and the good fortunes that have befallen are wrought into the intricate designs. The squaw prays as she pushes the wool card, and she prays as she twirls the distaff in her hand or rolls it on her thigh; she prays as she arranges the beads; she prays as she lustily pounds down the woof scrubs with her scrub oak batten.

A blanket is all a prayer, a human confession, a biography bright with the joy. Cuts of canary yellow, dark with the olive green of pain. One is drawn to it because one's heart is moved by its ineffable, intangible humanness. One is strangely moved to both laughter and tears by its exquisitely variant colors, each expressing an emotion by its warmth of blended fibers, each throbbing to a note of triumph or of woe.—Southern Workman.

The Profitable Sausage.

For the amount of meat used the sausage is the most profitable legacy of the hog. Fully fifty different kinds of this suspected article are manufactured to suit the taste of many peoples.

For Italians, with a thundering impetuosity of garlic; for Germans, bland and fatty; for Frenchmen, dry and well herbed; for Americans, well spiced, and all of these in several grades. Whatever meat cannot be used otherwise is consigned to the sausage, although for no other reason than that every diminutive piece is available. Ears, head and feet trimmings and the odd remnants from the cutter's block. Potato flour, spices and water are mixed with the meat, which has been finely chopped by rocking knives, and a steam driven piston forces the mass into the casings, whereupon it becomes sausage. The sausage are the intestines of the hog, thoroughly scraped and washed by mechanical process. The pig's snout does not escape that would be a gross oversight so it is trimmed off and sold as a pickling delicacy to new Americans with an unpronounceable name.—Leslie's.

His Compromise.

Mr. Potter was giving his son a few words of fatherly counsel as to his treatment of his young wife. "Now, when you have any little differences of opinion," said Mr. Potter in his most judicial manner, "if you can't persuade Margaret that you are in the right, you must compromise, my boy—compromise with a good grace."

"I'll try to," said the son respectfully.

"I well remember a little experience I had with your mother the summer after we were married," continued Mr. Potter. "I wanted to spend six weeks at Saratoga and your mother preferred to spend the time in taking a trip through Canada. It's thirty odd years ago, but I well remember the arguments we had before I compromised."

"How did you do it?" asked the son.

"We spent five weeks and a half in Canada," said Mr. Potter, "and took Saratoga night till Monday morning in Saratoga."

No Need to Adjourn.

The legislature of a certain state was tardy in adjourning one session, although there seemed to be no important business under consideration.

Judge Jones, one of the legislators, was met by a friend in the street one hot morning, and the two stopped to talk under the shade of an awning.

"Goin' to clear out pretty soon, judge?"

"I suppose so," answered the statesman, mopping his brow.

"Anything much goin' on down at the capitol?"

"No."

"Why don't they wind up, then?"

"Well, that's just the trouble. There's nothing but a lot of petty business to bother us, and we don't mind that. I wish something important would come up, and then the motion to adjourn would be in order."

English In England.

"You must learn the shop language before you can go shopping in England," says a girl who has just returned from there and has many stories to tell of the difficulties met in the shops. "Shoes are not shoes unless they are slippers, all boots are high, and you can't to save your life get a spool of thread because there is no such thing—only a reel of cotton. If you wish cotton, sheeting for instance, you ask for calico, and the tape needle to run the ribbons in your gowns is a bodkin. There is not such a thing as a shirt waist to be had in all England, for they have nothing but blouses, and one would go continually with wet feet if she did not learn to ask for galoches."

Chemical Effects of Lightning.

Lightning works chemically. It has the power of developing a peculiar odor which has been variously compared to that of phosphorus, nitrous gas and most frequently burning sulphur. Wafer mentions a storm on the isthmus of Darien which diffused such a sulphurous stench through the atmosphere that he and his marauding companions could scarcely breathe, particularly when they plunged into the wood.—Chambers' Journal.

His Mistake.

"Is this a commission house?" asked the tall man.

"Yes, sir," said the commission merchant. "What can we do for you?"

"Well, if you sell commissions I'd like to buy one, if they're not too dear, for my son. I want a lieutenant's commission in the army, for my son wants to be a soldier, and he's too lazy to go to West Point."—Baltimore Herald.

Prussian blue paint is made from the ashes of the burned hoofs of horses.

Golden Gate Tours.

California and the Pacific Coast resorts have become so popular in recent years with the better class of winter cost and pleasure seekers that the Pennsylvania Railroad Company has decided to run two Golden Gate tours this winter, one to include the famous Mardi Gras spectacle at New Orleans. On the going trip both tours will travel by the Golden Gate Special, one of the finest trains that crosses the continent. One tour will return by this train, while passengers by the other and later tour will use regular trains returning. In California, passengers will be entirely at their own pleasure in the matter of itinerary. Should a sufficiently large number of passengers desire to join in taking an itinerary suggested by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, the services of a Tourist Agent and Chaperon will be at their disposal.

The first tour will leave New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, and other points on Thursday, January 29, and will travel via Chicago, Kansas City and El Paso to Los Angeles and San Diego, arriving at the latter point February 2. An entire month may be devoted to visiting California resorts, the Golden Gate Special leaving San Francisco on the return trip Thursday, March 3, and returning via Salt Lake City, Glenwood Springs, Colorado Springs, and Denver. The rate for this tour will be $300, covering all expenses of railroad transportation, including side trips in California, as well as berth and meals on the Golden Gate Special going and returning. No hotel expenses in California are included. Tickets are good for return trip for nine months, excepting that passengers who do not return on the Special must provide their own Pullman accommodations and meals eastbound.

Tour No. 2 will leave Thursday, February 19, by the Golden Gate Special, Cincinnati, Montgomery, and Mobile will be visited en route to New Orleans, where the party will stay during the Mardi Gras festivities. The train will be sidetracked for occupancy during the three days spent in New Orleans. Stops will also be made at Beaumont, Texas, Houston, Texas, San Antonio, and El Paso. The train will arrive at San Diego, February 28. So far as special train arrangements are concerned this tour will be completed at San Diego. Passengers may dispose of their time in California as they see fit. Should a sufficient number desire to take a suggested trip through California, the services of a Tourist Agent and Chaperon will be placed at their disposal.

The rate for this tour will be $275, covering all railroad transportation for the entire trip, including side trips in California, seat at the Mardi Gras Festival, and Pullman berth and all meals on the Golden Gate special from New York until arrival at San Diego.

Private compartments, i. e., drawing rooms or state rooms, may be obtained for the payment of additional charges on both tours. A detailed itinerary is in course of preparation, giving all information concerning these tours. Application should be made to George W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia, Pa.

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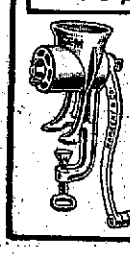

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Administrators' Notice.

Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of C. W. Liligendahl, late of Smethport, McKean county, Pa., deceased, have been granted to Inga M. Liligendahl and Ralph E. Burdick, residing in said borough, county and state, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment at once, and those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay.

INGA M. LILGENDADL,
RALPH E. BURDICK,
Administrators.

Smethport, Pa., Oct. 7, 1902.

Administrator's Notice.

Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration on the estate of William A. Green, late of the township of Keating, McKean county, Pennsylvania, deceased, have been granted to George H. Denning, residing in Smethport borough, said county and State, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment at once, and those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay.

GEORGE H. DENNING,
Administrator.

Smethport, Pa., Oct. 22, 1902.

SHERIFF'S SALES.

BY VIRTUE OF SUNDRY WRITS OF FIERI FACIAS, Levari Facias and Venditioni Exponas, Alias Fieri Facias, Pluries Fieri Facias, issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of McKean County, Pa., and to me directed, I will expose at public sale in the court house, in the borough of Smethport, on

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8 1902,

at 1 p. m., the following several pieces of property:

1

Defendant's interest in all that certain piece or parcel or lot of land situate in Bradford City, McKean County, Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the northeast corner of Kennedy and Adam streets; thence easterly along the north line of said Adam street ninety-eight (100) feet; thence northerly at right angles to said Adam street thirty-seven and one-half (37½) feet, thence westerly parallel with said Adam street ninety-eight (98) feet to the east line of Kennedy street, thence southerly along said east line of Kennedy street thirty-seven and one-half (37½) feet to the place of beginning, being lot numbered 265, and south half of lot number 267 as shown on plot of Bayne, Adam and Kennedy's lands, as surveyed by Geo. T. Keith, June, 1878.

Improved and having thereon one one story frame dwelling house and one frame barn.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of Frank Ramsey, defendant, Kate Ramsey, terre tenant, at the suit of A. J. Schoonmaker.

Judge Geraty, Plaintiff's Attorney.

2.

Defendant's interest in all that certain parcel or tract of land situate in the City of Bradford, County of McKean, and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point in the north line of Barbour street at the southeast corner of lot No. 14, and running thence north along the east line of lot No 14 to the south bank of the Tuna creek; thence down said creek to lands of said Homer Ramsey; thence south along land of said Homer Ramsey to Barbour street; thence west along Barbour street twenty-five (25) feet to place of beginning.

Also that other certain lot of land situate in said City of Bradford, County and State aforesaid described as follows: Commencing at a point in the south bank of Tuna creek at the northwest corner of lot No. 12 and running south along the west line of lot No. 12 to Barbour street; thence west along the north line of Barbour street 50 feet; thence north 6 feet to a post; thence west 4½ feet to a post; thence north 19 feet to Tuna creek; thence down said creek along its various windings to the place of beginning.

Also. All that certain other piece of land situated in the City of Bradford, County and State aforesaid, known as lot No 12 of Whitney & Wheeler's addition to Bradford.

The above described lots being improved by a three story frame dwelling house with one story side additions, 1 shed, 1 barn and 1 large frame building.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of Homer Ramsey at the suit of Imogene Ramsey, now for use of Frank Ramsey.

Boulton & Gallup, Plaintiff's Attorneys.

3

Defendant's interest in all that certain piece, parcel or tract of land situate in the City of Bradford, County of McKean, and State of Pennsylvania, described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a post in the south line of Barbour street, said post being 50 feet west of the southwest corner of lot No 8 on plot of Whitney & Wheeler's addition to Bradford; thence south 6 degrees west 4½ feet to a post; thence south 84 degrees east 50 feet to a post; thence south 6 degrees west 19 feet to a post; thence north 84 degrees west 50 feet to a post; thence north 6 degrees east 23½ feet to a post on the south line of Barbour street, and running back to the Tuna creek, being the same premises conveyed to Homer Ramsey by C. S. Whitney and S. A. Wheeler by deed dated May 29th, 1900, and recorded in Deed Book No. 95, page 336, &c., and being subject to the same exceptions and stipulations regarding petroleum or coal found in said deed.

Improved and having thereon one, one and one half story frame cottage and one small board barn.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of A. J. Durfee, Defendant, and Minnie E. Durfee, Terre Tenant, at the suit of B. O. Squier now use of E. R. Mayo.

E. R. MAYO & SON, Plaintiff's Attorneys.

4.

Defendants' interest in all that certain tract or parcel of land situate in the City of Bradford, County of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at the northeast corner of lot No. 8 on Boone Randall's plot of village lots in Hazelhurst; thence south along east line of Randall street, at the southwest corner of lot No. 8 on James Randall's plot of village lots in Hazelhurst; thence south along east line of Randall street, at the southwest corner of lot No. 8 on James Randall's plot of village lots in Hazelhurst; thence south along east line of Randall street 25 feet to a post; thence east 77 feet to a post; thence north 25 feet to a post; thence west 77.5 feet to the place of beginning, and being lot No. 4 on east side of Randall street as shown on James Randall's plot of village lots, which plot is recorded in McKean County Deed Book No. 102 page 421 &c., and being the same land heretofore conveyed by James Randall to D. F. Williams deed not recorded.

Improved and having thereon one two story frame building use as a Blacksmith and Wagon shop.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of J. F. Williams at the suit of Mrs. Janet Randall.

Boulton & Gallup, Plaintiff's Attorneys.

11.

Defendant's interest in all that certain piece, parcel or tract of land situate in the Village of Hazelhurst, McKean county and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at the southeast corner of lot No. 8 on plot of Boone Randall's village lots in Hazelhurst; thence north along the east line of Randall street, at the southwest corner of lot No. 8 on James Randall's plot of village lots in Hazelhurst; thence south along east line of Randall street, at the southwest corner of lot No. 8 on James Randall's plot of village lots in Hazelhurst; thence south along east line of Randall street 25 feet to a post; thence east 77 feet to a post; thence north 25 feet to a post; thence west 77.5 feet to the place of beginning, and being lot No. 4 on east side of Randall street as shown on James Randall's plot of village lots, which plot is recorded in McKean County Deed Book No. 102 page 421 &c., and being the same land heretofore conveyed by James Randall to D. F. Williams deed not recorded.

Improved and having thereon one two story frame building use as a Blacksmith and Wagon shop.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of D. F. Williams at the suit of Mrs. Janet Randall.

Boulton & Gallup, Plaintiff's Attorneys.

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Defendant's interest in all that certain piece, parcel and tract of land, situate lying and being in the Township of Keating, County of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at the northeast corner of lot No 26 in Bingham's tract in Keating Township, thence along the east line of said lot No 26 south one hundred and twenty-one (121) perches to the corner of lot No 67 in said tract; thence along the north line of said lot No 67 west one hundred and eighty-four (184) perches to the corner of lot No 27 in said tract; thence along the east line of said lot No 27 north one hundred and one (101) perches to the corner of lot No 26 in said tract; thence along the north line of said lot No 26 east one hundred and eighty-four (184) perches to the place of beginning, containing one hundred acres and allowance of six per cent for roads, be the same more or less, it being the same premises conveyed to Alexander Bingham by deed dated April 1st, 1833, and recorded in Deed Book Y, page 162 &c.

Improved and having thereon one two story frame dwelling house about 26x24 feet, with wing 18x22 feet, all two stories high, and a back kitchen 16 feet about 12x15 feet, one story high, one wood frame dwelling house about 26x30 feet, two stories high, with rear wing 12x12 feet, one story high; one large wood frame shop building, about 20x30 feet, two stories high, not finished inside both about 24 feet deep; one well of water and usual outbuildings.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of A. J. Durfee, L. H. Durfee, Defendants, and Minnie E. Durfee, Terre Tenant at the suit of B. O. Squier now use of E. R. Mayo.

E. R. MAYO & SON, Plaintiff's Attorneys.

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